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In re Application of:

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For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A
COMPONENT CONSISTING OF A FIBER
REINFORCED MATERIAL**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 to 55, without prejudice, and substitute the following new claims 56 to 110 therefor:

-- 56. A process for the production of a component consisting of a fiber reinforced material, wherein:

a liquid heat curing resin is applied to a semi-finished fiber article via vacuum pressure, and

the vacuum pressure is controlled together with temperature such that during application of the liquid resin, the boiling